

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1124
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A RESOLUTION to designate October 2006 as "American Pharmacists Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, pharmacy is one of the oldest of the health professions concerned with the health and well-being of all people; and

WHEREAS, today, there are more than 5,800 pharmacists in Tennessee providing services to assure the rational and safe use of all medications; and

WHEREAS, the use of medication as a cost-effective alternative to more expensive medical procedures is becoming a major force in moderating overall health care costs; and

WHEREAS, today's powerful medications require greater attention to the manner in which they are used by different patient population groups, both clinically and demographically; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all users of prescription and non-prescription medications, or their caregivers, be knowledgeable about and share responsibility for their own drug therapy; and

WHEREAS, the American Pharmacists Association and the Tennessee Pharmacists Association have designated the month of October 2006 as "American Pharmacists Month" with the associated theme of *Know your Medicine, Know your Pharmacist.*; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby designate the month of October 2006 as "American Pharmacists Month" in Tennessee and urge all citizens to acknowledge the valuable contributions made by pharmacists in providing safe, affordable, and beneficial medication therapy management services and products to the people of this state and nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.